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*Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel H. Weir Cook was a member of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker's famous 94th Aero Squadron and was credited with downing seven enemy planes during World War I;*

*Whereas, After the war, Cook was one of the first transcontinental airmail pilots;*

*Whereas, Cook was involved in the development of the first dive bombing sight developed by the United States Army;*

*Whereas, Cook was part of the group of officers who "lost favor" with the Army during the court-martial of General Billy Mitchell;*

*Whereas, Cook was the first American Legion National Director of Aviation;*

*Whereas, Cook was on the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce Airport Siting Committee, which picked the site for the Indianapolis airport, and he was the airport's first manager;*

*Whereas, At the first indication that the United States would be involved in another war, Cook went back into the*



*service as an Army inspector for aviation contractors;*

*Whereas, After December 7, 1941, Cook intensely lobbied for an assignment to the front lines and became the commander of air bases in New Caledonia;*

*Whereas, Cook died in New Caledonia on March 24, 1943, in an airplane crash while training young pilots for combat;*

*Whereas, Cook achieved the rank of colonel in the 38th Division of the Indiana Air National Guard;*

*Whereas, Cook was a prominent figure in the development of aviation in the United States and in Indiana;*

*Whereas, The Indianapolis International Airport's new infield terminal and complex will greatly benefit and enhance the role of Indianapolis and Indiana in the aviation industry as pioneered by H. Weir Cook; and*

*Whereas, In recognition of H. Weir Cook's instrumental role in the history of Indiana aviation and especially his role in the early development of the Indianapolis airport, the Indianapolis Airport Authority is urged to name the Indianapolis International Airport's new infield terminal or part of the new complex in honor of H. Weir Cook:*  
*Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the  
2       contributions of H. Weir Cook on behalf of Indiana and the United  
3       States aviation industry and asks the Indianapolis Airport Authority to  
4       name the new infield terminal or part of the new complex at the  
5       Indianapolis International Airport in honor of H. Weir Cook.

6       SECTION 2. That copies of the resolution be transmitted by the  
7       Secretary of the Senate to the Indianapolis Airport Authority and to the  
8       family of H. Weir Cook.

